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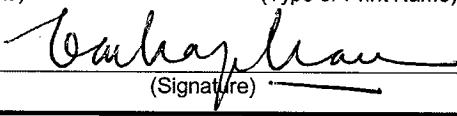
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In response to the Office action dated October 27, 2006, and in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicant elects to prosecute, without traverse, the invention identified by the claims in Group III, which includes Claims 13 to 20.